subject.To my limited knowledge of the Contitution I feel that we are well within the scope of schedule VII List-II Entry-17 of the Constitution. Entry-17 of schedule II is guided by Entry 56 of Schedul VII.

I would submit that though entry 17 is subject to entry-56 of the List-I the Union List, only when a declaration by Parliament made by law that a particular kind of regulation or control or a given ativity is necessary. if you look to the provisions of Schedule VII List-I Entry-56, Ifind thereis no particular direction or declaration by the Parliament under Entry-56. there fore, in the absence of such a declaration made under the Interestate Water dispute Act of 1956 I feel we are well within the Constitutional framework laid down in Schedule VII of List-II and the question could be also discussed about the River Board Act or River Board.

ANNOUNCEMENT

MADAM DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am happy to announce that the Secretary. General, of Commonwealth Parliamentary Hon. David Tonkin and his wife are Stated in the distinguished Press Gallery in the House. On behalf of each and every one of you and on my own behalf I extend a hearty welcome to both of them.

SRI D.B. CHANDRAGOWDA: Madam I too join the sentiments expressed and I welcome him. He has graced this House by his presence. I hope that for his benefit I would like to do my deliberations to the extent possible in English, practically I am doing so. Madam I was referring to Entry-17 List-II of 7th Schedule of the Constitution of India, about the constitutional competence of this House to pass a bill, which is before us, for the consideration of the House. What I was trying to bring home is, in the absence of any declaration made under the existing Water Disputes Act, 1956 we are well with in the reasonable limits of the Constitution to enact such a legislation. Secondly a question could have been raised as to the River Board Act. The River Board Act also could have been one of the impediments in passing this legislation. this River Board Act is constituted at various river basins. But fortunately, we don't have such Act as River Board Act applicable to the Cauvey basin area. The second question could have been is Entry-14 relating to Agriculture, Entry-18 relating to Land area also not covered or does not bar making such a law be fore us.